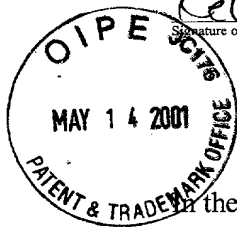


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In the Application of :
Heisey *et al.* : Confirmation No. 1681
Serial No. 09/759,965 : Group Art Unit 1623
Filed January 12, 2001 : Examiner: Unknown
For LOW CARBOHYDRATE COMPOSITIONS, KITS THEREOF, AND METHODS OF USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a newly executed Declaration for the above-captioned patent application. The Declaration sets forth a priority claim to pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/586,514, filed June 2, 2000.

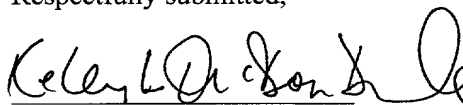
In view of the priority claim and the enclosed Declaration, please amend the present specification to include the following reference:

--REFERENCE TO CO-PENDING APPLICATION

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/586,514, filed June 2, 2000.--

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the enclosed declaration and enter the priority reference. Applicants look forward to an action on the merits for this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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